

## SUBJECT No. 121.

Co-operative Societies.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore  
City Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is requested that the usefulness of Co-operative Societies may be increased. (The member, when asked to make specific representations in the matter, stated that a paper mill and a sugar mill at Palhalli and a cotton mill at Mysore might be established through the medium of Co-operative Societies.)

*Reply of Government.*—Noted.

## SUBJECT No. 122.

Agricultural Banks.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore  
City Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is prayed that stability may be given to Agricultural Banks.

*Note.*—The member promised to make specific representations in this matter the next day but did not make any such representation.

## SUBJECT No. 123.

Life insurance to be made  
optional in the case of  
those who draw a pay of  
less than Rs. 10.Mr. Nanje Gowda, Krishnarajpete  
Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is prayed that orders may be passed making life insurance optional in the case of Government servants drawing a pay of less than Rs. 10.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be referred to the Insurance Committee.

## EXCISE.

(Nos. 124 and 125.)

## SUBJECT No. 124.

Bagani trees on occupied  
lands.Mr. Kigga Channakesava Rao,  
Koppa Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—With reference to Subject No. 201 of 1906 regarding the free grant of bagani trees on occupied lands, Government were pleased to reply that they would permit without auction the holders of estates to open a shop for the use of the employees therein. This will not be of much use to the raiyats as the principles of trade, when a shop is opened, do not admit of a monopoly on the part of the raiyats in whose holding toddy is drawn. It is now requested that (1) raiyats may be permitted to draw toddy from bagani trees in their holdings on payment of tree tax and obtaining a license, (2) persons owning shops may not be allowed to tap bagani trees in such holdings.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be considered.

## SUBJECT No. 125.

Abolition of tree-tax on  
bagani trees in malnad  
coffee estates.Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya and  
others, Manjarabad Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—(1) When prayed for last year, Government were pleased to state that concessions would be shown in the shape of not levying any shop tax on shops opened for the benefit of estate coolies. No orders have been passed on the subject, and even if they are, they would cause inconvenience. The proprietors of large estates do not, like owners of small estates, at all know the process of drawing toddy. The proprietors have necessarily to entrust the work to Billors (professional toddy-drawers) who may occasionally tap more trees than have been licensed. By so doing, respectable proprietors and superintendents will have to appear as accused before the Amildar and be always at the mercy of the Excise

Department. It is therefore prayed that rules beneficial to all parties may be framed.

(2) The bagani tree cannot be indiscriminately tapped like the date tree, as it can be tapped only at a particular season. If the season is not taken advantage of, the drawer has to wait a long time before he can have another opportunity for tapping the tree. At present, owing to the delay in marking the tree, it becomes impossible to tap the tree in time. Hence it is prayed that the tree tax on bagani trees may be abolished and the average income from tree tax on the trees for five years may be recovered along with the shop tax, and villages sold separately. This course will, while safeguarding the revenue of Government, afford great encouragement to professional toddy-drawers and also obviate all hardships to occupants of land.

*Reply of Government.*—This will be considered.

#### LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL BOARDS

(Nos. 126 to 148.)

##### SUBJECT No. 126.

Taluk head-quarters to be always Municipalities.

Mr. S. Dasappa, Bangalore District Board.

*Summary of discussion.*—The retention of taluk head-quarters as Municipalities even though these contain a population of less than 5,000, will help considerably to keep up the activity of these places and their importance.

*Reply of Government.*—Noted.

##### SUBJECT No. 127.

Improvement of Municipal Towns.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is requested that Municipal towns may be improved by opening out congested parts by forming extensions, etc.

*Reply of Government.*—Necessary action is being taken in the matter and all that is possible will be done.

##### SUBJECT No. 128.

Village accounts for Municipal Funds.

Mr. Srinivas Sitaram Kulkarni, Harihar Sub-Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The subject of doing away with the unnecessary accounts relating to lands in Municipal towns and allowing stationery allowances to shanbhogs, was brought forward last year, when the Government replied that the question was noted and would be enquired into; the matter is again submitted for orders.

*Reply of Government.*—The matter is under consideration.

##### SUBJECT No. 129.

Special rules for the election of Mussalman Representatives for Municipal Councils.

Mr. B. Rassulkhan Sahib, Anjuman-i-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

*Summary of discussion.*—It is prayed that the system of election now in vogue may not be made general. It is requested that an exception be made in all Municipal towns in the case of the Mussalman community, who should be allowed to elect amongst themselves as many of the council members as the President or the Vice-President decides, with due regard to the local Muslim population.